GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1964
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ABSENCE OF MARKET OF SAMBAR SOUTHE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers in Karnataka who have produced large quantities of Sambar Southe(Sambar Cucumber) are throwing it on the roads due to absence of buyers; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save the farmers from the distress?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Sambar Southe is grown in meager quantity in Karnataka. There is no substantial arrival of this commodity in the Market Yards of the State.

The reported incident has taken place only in the jurisdiction of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), Davangere, Karnataka. During last week of November 2003, about 10 quintals of Sambar Southe arrived in the wholesale vegetable market yard. Davangere Market is not a traditional market for this commodity and hence the prices have been quoted low. Thereafter, there is no regular arrival of Sambar Southe. No such incident has been reported from other parts of Karnataka. The Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee Davangere has initiated necessary steps to prevent distress sale by the farmers.